ACT IV: CIRCUS * HIRO AND NORI
CHAPTER FOUR

"END OF THEIR TURN"

NOOO !!! DON'T !!!
DAA
SHIRO-GANE!
ZAAN
NORI! CATCH MASARU!
WOW

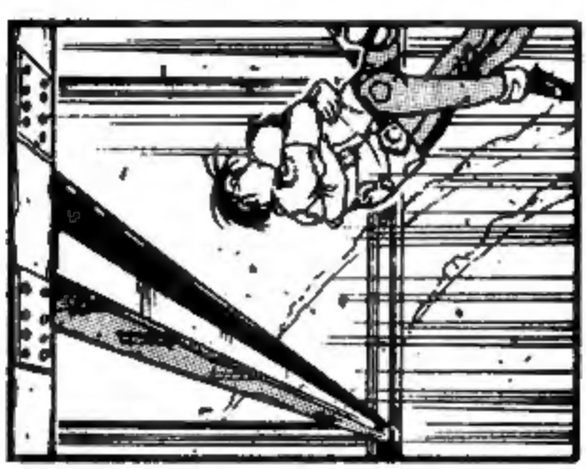
AH!
SPAF!
BRAAA
AHH
DODO
DOOH
EEEK!
YEOW!
CENTRAL BANK

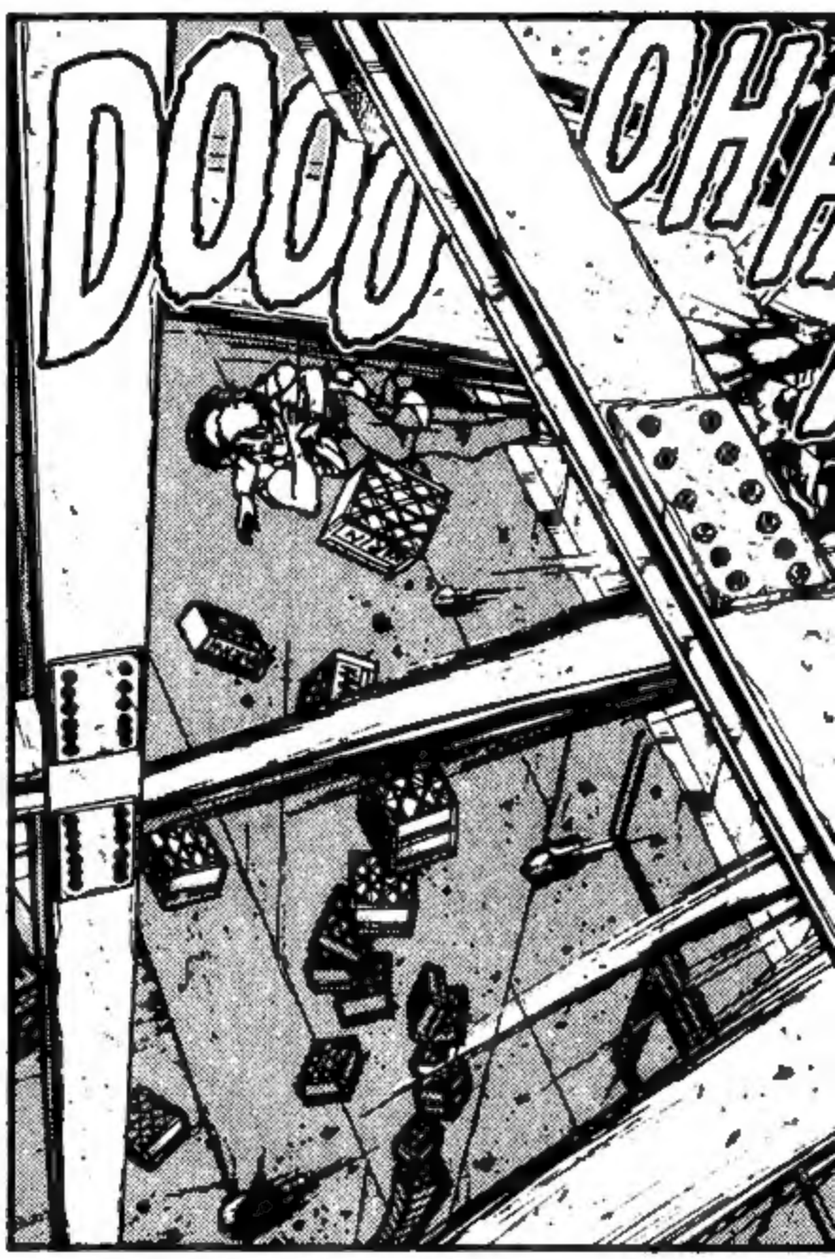
LOOK ALL THE WAY UP THERE!
MASARU! SHIRO-GANE!
HIRO! NORI! ... WHERE ARE THEY?!
HRH
HIROOO !!!
DOO
OH
AAAH! THEY'RE FALLING! THEY'RE GONNA DIE!

AH!
HYAAAA!!!
HNN!
VOSCH
GLONG
SOC
LACI
THE ROPE!
IT'S UNRAV-ELING!
FLAP
FLAP

SGRBL!
HIRO!

I CAN'T SEE!
NORI!
DAN

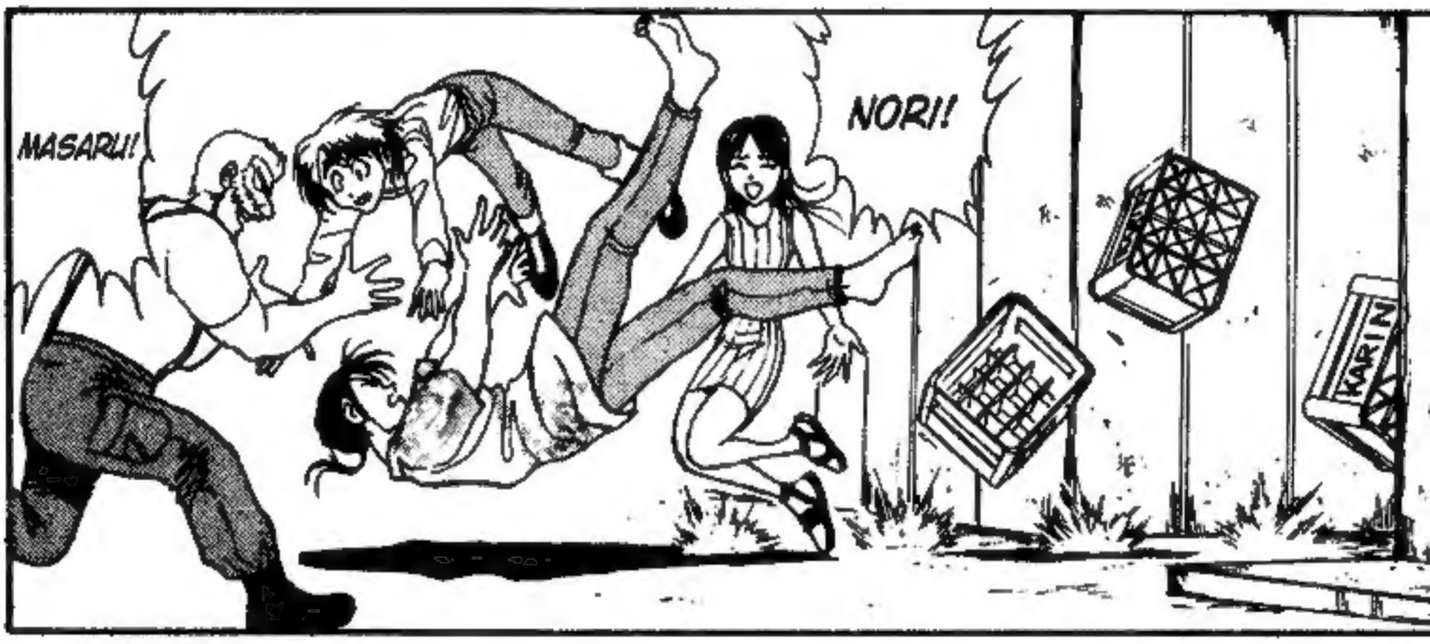


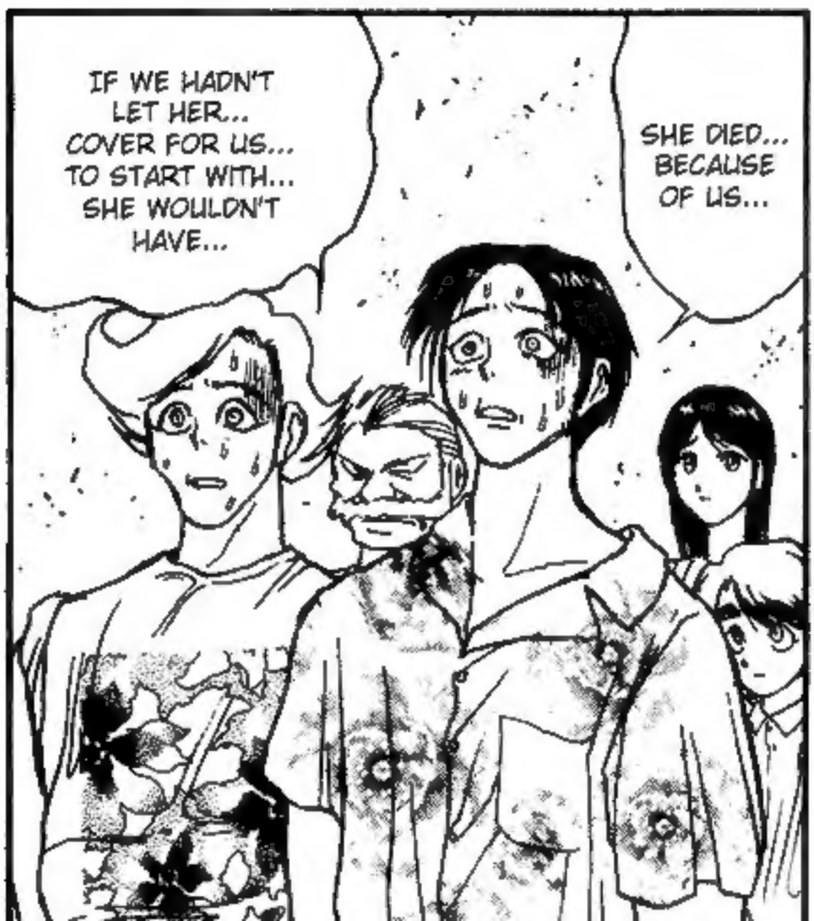

DOOO
OH!

THEY'RE GONNA CRASH AGAINST THE SCAFFOLDING!

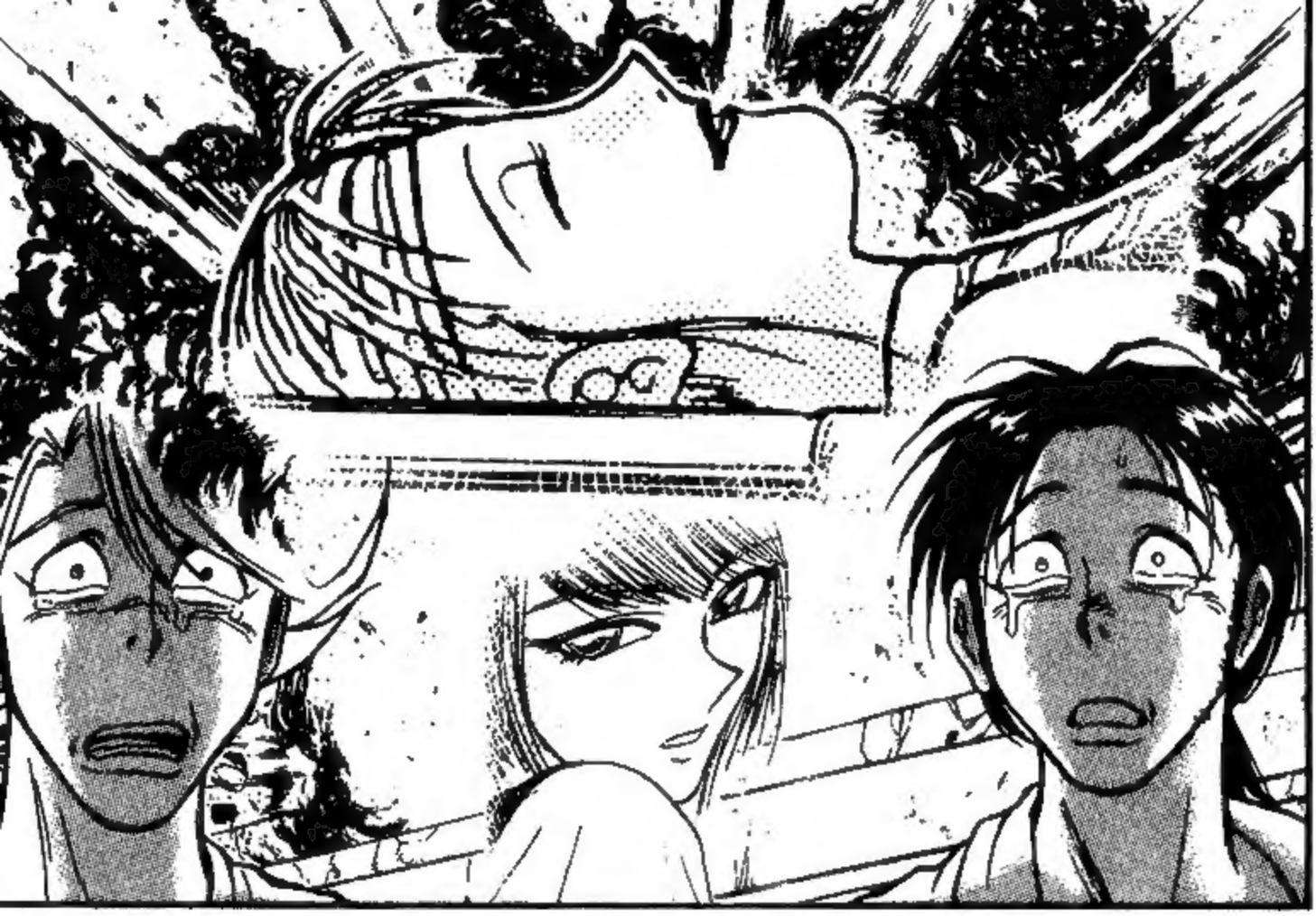
...SHOOT!!!
BAT
VOM
OOPS!
SCHRAG
VOM
TAN
TAN
TAN
KARIN
OOOOHH!!!
BALANG

OOPS
KARIN
KARIN
KARIN


MASARU!
NORI!
KARIN


IF WE HADN'T LET HER... COVER FOR US... TO START WITH... SHE WOULDN'T HAVE...
SHE DIED... BECAUSE OF US...

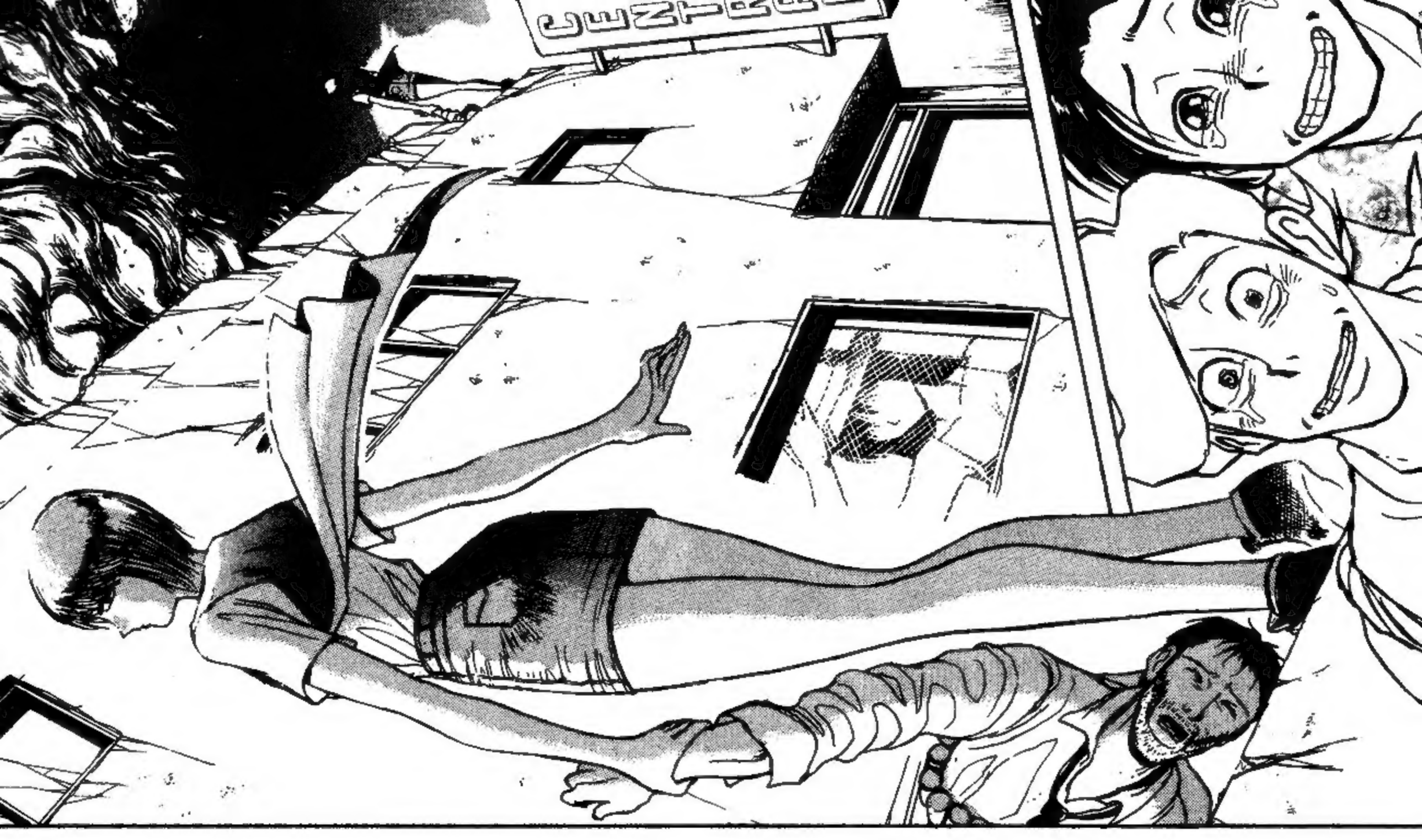
GOOO
H
CENTRAL BANK



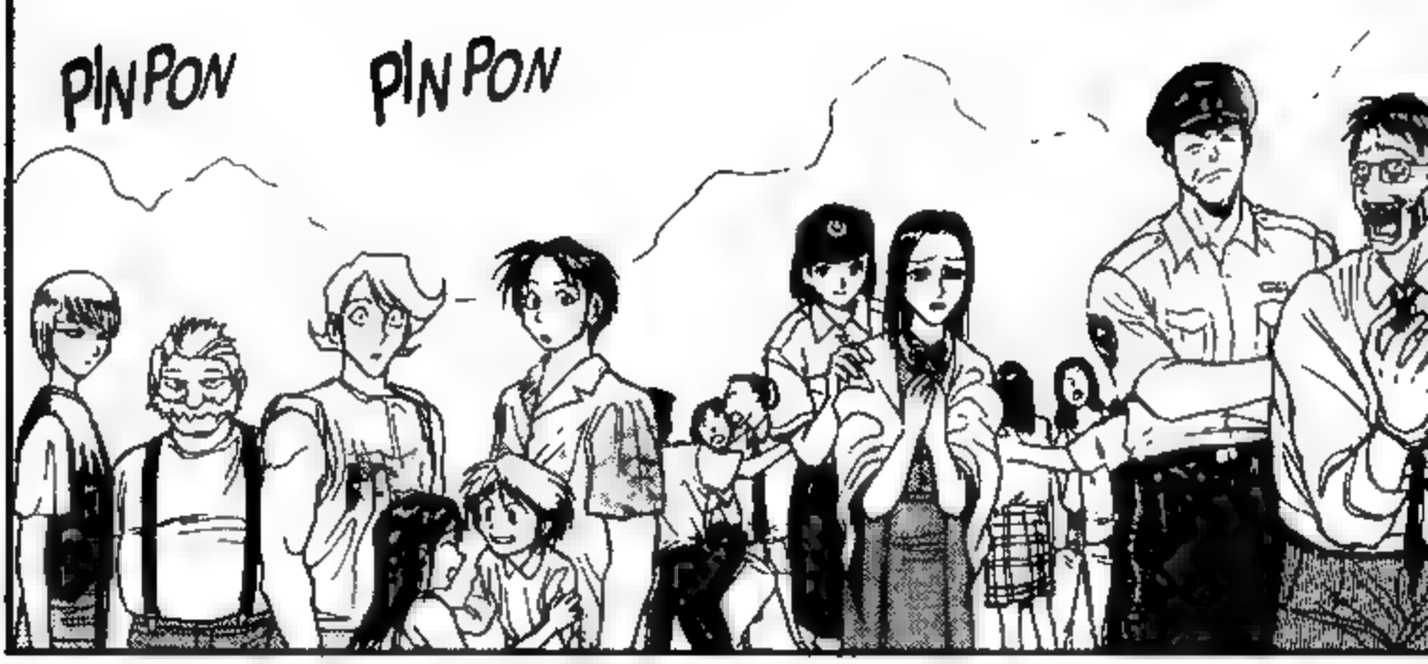
IT'S OUR FAULT AGAIN!!! WE COULDN'T SAVE HER!!
NOOO!!! WHY DID SHE HAVE TO DIE, TOO?!

SHIRO-GANE...
...ISN'T DEAD.

HUH ?
NO, YOU'RE WRONG ...



HORAAAY!!!


PIN PON
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HOW ABOUT YOU, SHIROGANE?
I'M SO RELIEVED... I WASN'T SURE IF YOU'D MANAGE IT!

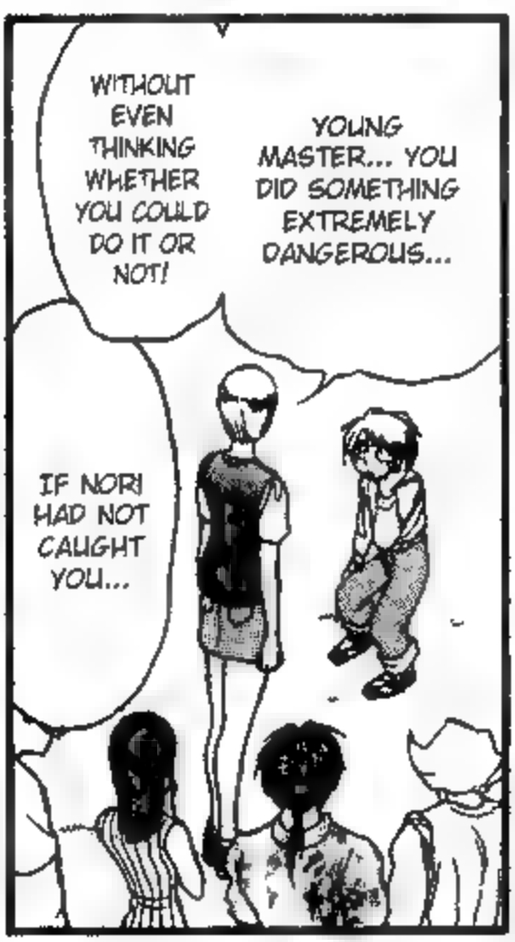
SPAE!!

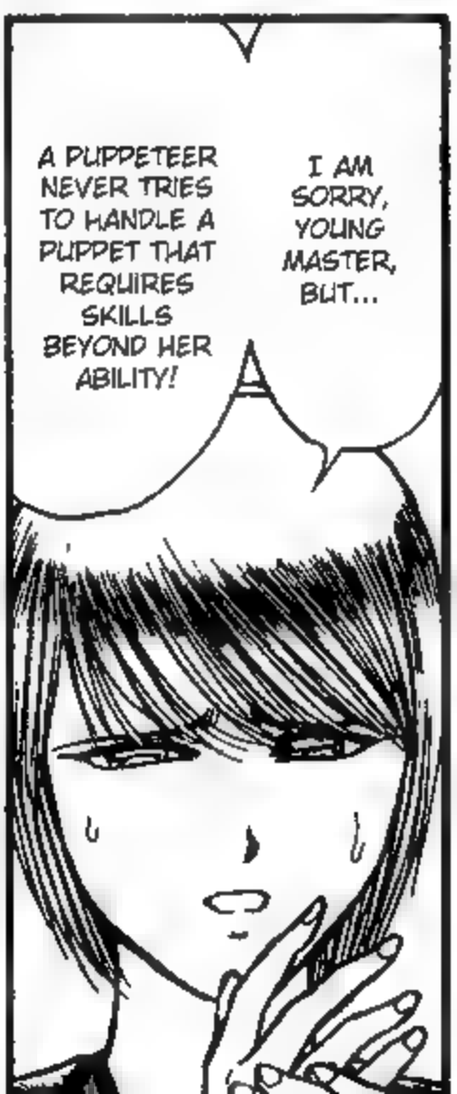
BUT ...
HEY!
TAN

SHIRO-GANE... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT ...

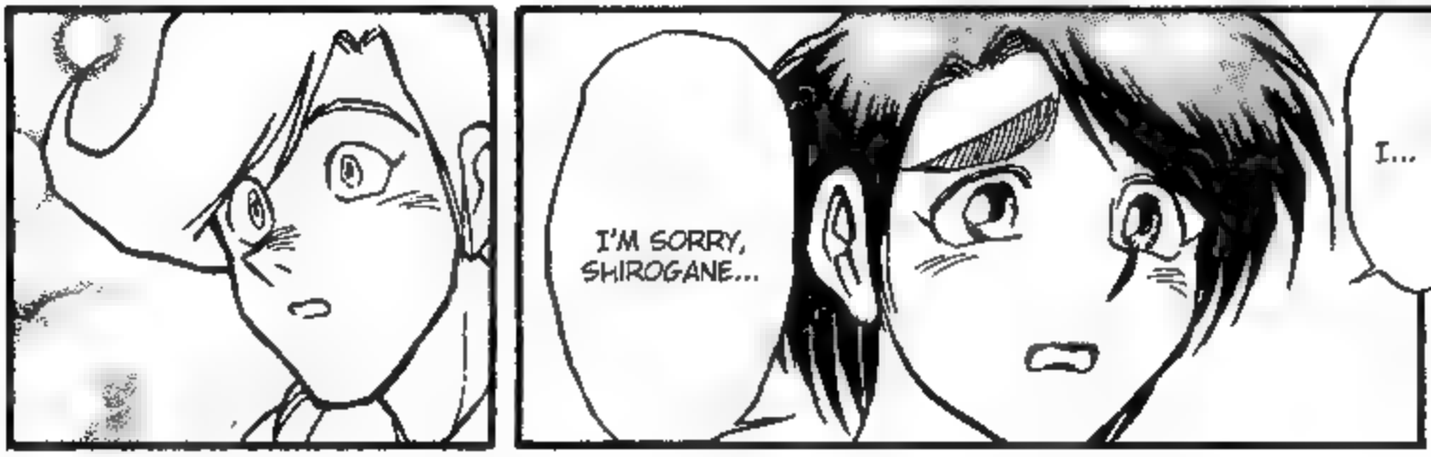
YOU... SLAPPED ME!
SHI RO-GANE...

...YOU WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW!!!


WITHOUT EVEN THINKING WHETHER YOU COULD DO IT OR NOT!
YOUNG MASTER... YOU DID SOMETHING EXTREMELY DANGEROUS...
IF NORI HAD NOT CAUGHT YOU...

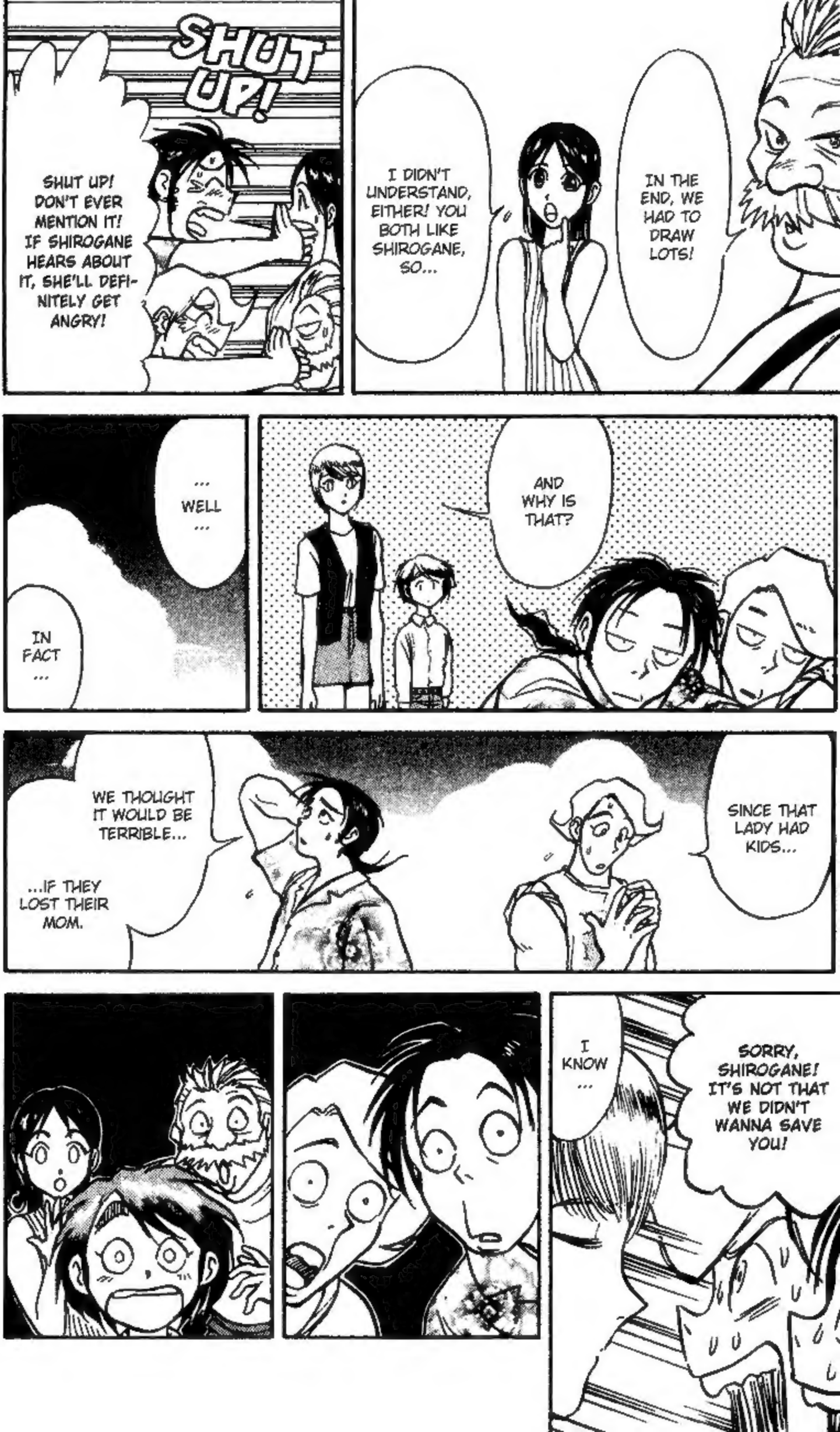

A PUPPETEER NEVER TRIES TO HANDLE A PUPPET THAT REQUIRES SKILLS BEYOND HER ABILITY!
I AM SORRY, YOUNG MASTER, BUT...

I WOULD DO ANY-THING TO PROTECT YOU! I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE!
BUT IF YOU WILLINGLY RUN TO YOUR DEATH, HOW CAN I SAVE YOU?!


I'M SORRY, SHIROGANE...
I...

YOUNG MASTER, PLEASE UNDERSTAND... IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU, MY LIFE WOULD LOSE ALL MEANING!
ZON

... AH!
...WHAT A WOMAN!
WHAT A MOVING SCENE!
I UNDER-STAND ...
YES...
HE SAID HE'D LEFT HOME BECAUSE HIS DAD WAS VIOLENT...
HE USED HIS BODY TO PROTECT ME WHEN THE BOMB EX-PLODED!
YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT HE DID TO HIM?!
DID YOU SEE HIS BACK?!
WHEN YOU DECIDED ON WHO WOULD SAVE WHO BEFORE CLIMBING UP, YOU BOTH SAID...
SAY, BOYS... I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU.
GULP
HUH ?!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER LADY!
YES?
HE'S RIGHT! EVERYONE IS SAFE, AFTER ALL.
LISTEN, SHIROGANE ... YOU SHOULD FORGIVE HIM...


SHUT UP!
SHUT UP! DON'T EVER MENTION IT! IF SHIROGANE HEARS ABOUT IT, SHE'LL DEFINITELY GET ANGRY!
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, EITHER! YOU BOTH LIKE SHIROGANE, SO...
IN THE END, WE HAD TO DRAW LOTS!
... WELL ...
IN FACT ...
AND WHY IS THAT?
WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE...
...IF THEY LOST THEIR MOM.
SINCE THAT LADY HAD KIDS...
I KNOW ...
SORRY, SHIROGANE! IT'S NOT THAT WE DIDN'T WANNA SAVE YOU!

SHE SMILED! LOOK! SHE SMILED...
...AT ME!!!
YOU BOTH ARE WONDERFUL BOYS.
COME ON, WE HAVE TO GO...
ARE YOU KIDDING?! SHE WAS LOOKING AT ME!
PIF PAF POF
IT'S ME SHE SMILED AT!
STOP REPEATING WHAT OTHERS SAY LIKE A PARROT!
SHUT UP! YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'! YOU'RE JUST A KID!
POF
PIF PAF
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH "WONDERFUL BOYS"!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?! WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY?!
ALRIGHT!
YES...

YOU WANT A LITTLE BROTHER?
"WHAT?!
COME BACK HERE !!!
"I COULD DO SOME ACROBATICS WITH HIM!"
"SO, WE WANT A LITTLE BROTHER TOO, MOM!"
"THAT'S TRUE."
"YEAH! MR. KAZUYA'S BABY IS REALLY CUTE!"
I'LL ASK THE CHIEF ...
"HA HA HA! VERY WELL..."
...A LITTLE BROTHER"
...TO FIND YOU...